

Replace the paragraph at page 33, line 28 with the following:

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--Fig. 2 is a map of the plasmid p2.5. A portion of pPC97 (left panel) containing a polylinker, is represented by SEQ ID NO: 7. The amino acid sequence encoded by this portion of pPC97 is represented by SEQ ID NO: 8. A portion of pPC86 (right panel), containing a polylinker, is represented by SEQ ID NO: 9. The amino acid sequence encoded by this portion of pPC86 is represented by SEQ ID NO: 10.--

Replace the paragraph at page 35, line 2, with the following:

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--Fig. 10A is a schematic representation of plasmids into which the CYH2 counterselectable marker was inserted. A portion of pPC97 (left panel), containing a polylinker, is represented by SEQ ID NO: 7. The amino acid sequence encoded by this portion of pPC97 is represented by SEQ ID NO: 8. A portion of pPC86 (right panel), containing a polylinker, is represented by SEQ ID NO: 9. The amino acid sequence encoded by this portion of pPC86 is represented by SEQ ID NO: 10.--

Replace the paragraph at page 37, line 31 with the following:

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--Fig. 21 is a schematic representation of the Marked Box 2 domain and the mutations obtained with the two-step selection method. The amino acid sequences of the Marked Box 2 domains of E2F5, E2F4, E2F2, and E2F1 are represented by SEQ ID NOS: 11-15, respectively. The amino acid sequences of the Marked Box 2 domains of the alleles E2F1-20, E2F1-30, E2F1-32, and E2F1-65 are represented by SEQ ID NOS: 16-19, respectively.--

Replace the paragraph at page 44, line with the following:

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--Construction of Plasmids for Producing Hybrid Proteins: Plasmids p97.CYH2 and pMV257 are useful in the invention for producing hybrid proteins having a GAL4-DB or AD, respectively, fused to a potential interacting molecule of interest (Fig. 10B). These plasmids are produced by inserting a sequence encoding CYH2 into pPC97 (for DB plasmids) or pPC86 (for AD plasmids) (Fig. 10A). Both p97.CYH2 and pMV257 have (i) a yeast *ARS4* origin of replication; (ii) a yeast *CEN6* centromeric sequence; (iii) a selectable marker (e.g., *LEU2* for pPC97, and *TRP1* for pPC86); (iv) a yeast *ADHI* promoter and terminator; (v) a GAL4-DB (for pPC97) or a GAL4-AD

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In the Claims:

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Add the following new claims 108-148.

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- a) providing in a cell:
 - i) a counterselectable reporter gene operably linked to a first DNA binding protein recognition site or a selectable/ counterselectable reporter gene operably linked to a first DNA binding protein recognition site;
 - ii) a first fusion gene which expresses a first hybrid protein, said first hybrid protein comprising a test protein covalently bonded to a DNA binding moiety which specifically binds to said DNA binding protein recognition site;